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Most remarkable and true Hiſtories, which hapned this preſent yeare, 1619.

The one relating how God moſt miraculouſly reſtored to health *Elizabeth Gooſſens Taets*, dwelling in the *Long ſtreet* neere S^t. *Georges Church* in *Amers-ford* by *Vtrecht* in the *Low-Countries*, the 29. of *Auguſt* laſt, after fiue and twenty yeares great inabilitie and weakneſſe of body.

The other ſhewing how a maruellous deformed Monſter was found in the belly of a Cow which was killed by *Iohn Vandel* Malt-man of *Amerſford* aforeſaid, the firſt day of *October* laſt. 1619.

Both which may ſerue to inuite vs to ſerious repentance and vnfained amendment of life, in this wicked and decaying age.

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A ſtrange and wonderfull Relation, of Elizabeth Gooſſens Taets, *dwelling in the long Street by Saint* Georges *Church in the Towne of* Ameiſ-foord *by* Vtrecht *in the Low-Countries, who after 25. yeares inhability and weakeneſſe of her members, was miraculouſly reſtored to her former health, the 29. of Auguſt laſt.* 1619.

OVr Sauiour Ieſus Chriſt, by the mouth of his holy Seruants, hath now long agoe foretold that in theſe latter dayes many ſignes ſhould appeare in the Sunne, Moone, Starres and Creatures aboue; and alſo before his ſecond comming, many Miracles ſhould heere be ſeene on earth below. Haue we not felt famine and peſtilence in thoſe yeares by-paſt?

And doe wee not heare rumors of Warres euery day, and the riſing of Nation againſt Nation throughout all Europe? How many Seats of Religion doe daily breake vp, to the ouerthrow of the ſimplicity and ſincerity of the Goſpell, and offence of weake ones to ſtumble at? The Wicked in this reſpect may iuſtly tremble and quake, who neuer intend to breake off their ſinnes by repentance, but putting off the euill day from them, lie wallowing in the puddle of their filthie pleaſures, being paſt all feeling, are frozen in the dregges of the vnfruitfull workes of darkeneſſe: as contrarily the Elect haue matter to reioyce, and lift vp their heads, for the day of their Redemption draweth neere; For doth not daylie experience teach vs the accompliſhment of all the tokens which ſhould precede the great day of the Lord? And now of late what a great blazing Starre looked downe vpon the Earth, out of the Firmament, portending no doubt ſome great alteration of ſtate, and puniſhment by the Lords vſuall weapons

pons of fire, ſword and plague, of the ſtubborne and obſtinate rebellion of the wicked in ſo great a light of the Goſpell? The Lord hath called of late ſundry Princes and great Perſonages to their reſt, from theſe troubleſome times: The riſing of it inclining in the South-eaſt ouer the Houſe of Auſtria, and other partes vnder that Climate, hath brought ſuch effuſion of blood, murthering robbing, ranſacking of Citties, Townes and Counttries with it, which are ominous preſages of greater and more fearefull euills to come. For all theſe things wee ceaſe not to prouoke the holy One of Iſrael to wrath; yet God, who is rich in mercy, ſpreadeth forth the large beames of his fatherly bountifulneſſe and goodneſſe on the penitent, that either the vngodly may turne away from their euill waies, or then to make them inexcuſable. Chriſt in the daies of his fleſh wrought many Miracles, in healing vncurable diſeaſes, whereof the Lords recordes in the new Teſtament maketh mention aboundantly; for the which the

godly and well disposed glorifieth the Lord, but others wickedly affected doe misconstrue the action, imputing it to the work of Sathan, or else mocke and calumniate the same. The hand of the Lord is not shortned now among vs vpon whom the ends of the world is come.

In this *Amerſ-ford* in the *Low-Countries*, three miles distant from *Vtrecht*, an extraordinary forme of visitation miraculously befell a young Maiden, named *Elizabeth Gooſſens* dwelling neere by the principall Church *Saint George*, whose father and mother are both yet aliue, honest and wel esteemed persons, of good name and credit in the citie, his name is *Gooſſen Corneliſon Taets*.

The said Maiden in her infancy was stricken with lamenesse, that the Lord questionlesse might manifest his power and goodnesse in her, and continued a cripple 25. yeares, so that she could neyther goe, sit, nor stand, but was carryed hither and thither by the helpe of others whereſoeuer her businesse was, which all the inhabitants of the

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Citie can faithfully witneſſe: wherefore towards the end of the foreſaid yeares, ſhee could not for the ſpace of 28. weekes eate or taſte any thing to any purpoſe, but continued in prayers and ſupplications night and day, repeating theſe words: *Thou Sonne of Dauid, Creator of heauen and earth, receiue mee into thy Kingdome, or elſe giue me patience and comfort in this my heauy and pittifull diſeaſe.*

Wherefore, behold what an vnexpected reliefe was ſent vnto her: For this preſent yeare, 1619. the 28. of Auguſt laſt, at night betweene eleauen and twelue a clocke, according to her accuſtomed maner, ſhe poured out earneſt prayers vnto God, her hands ſtretched out vnto heauen, (for ſhee had no vſe of her knees,) ſaying, (as her ſelfe afterwards confeſſed before great multitudes) *Thou God all-ſufficient, that both canſt and wilt deliuer thine owne, according to thy pleaſure, looſe me from this earthly tabernacle.* Lying thus lifting vp her hart vnto God in effectuall prayer, loe, ſodainly the chamber ſhined as bright within, as if it had beene ſun-ſhine,

and ſhee thought ſhee ſaw before her bed, a yongman in a long white robe, who tooke her by the right hand, lifted her vp kindly vp, and ſpake vnto her with a ſoft and ſweet voyce, ſaying, *Ariſe in the name of God*, and placed her on a chayre hard by, taking her with his right hand, by the pulſe of her right arme, looking alwayes ſmilingly vpon her, whoſe long ſhining robe hung very low, and couered the ground: and the more ſhee looked vpon him, the more beautifull, faire and comely he ſeemed to bee, yet within a quarter of an houre, the chamber loſt all the brightneſſe, and the yongman vaniſhed away from her. Wherefore the Mayd after a loud ſhrike fell in a ſound, which noyſe when her mother heard, ſhe came out her bed greatly agaſt, and finding her daughter lying vpon the ground was exceedingly amazed: and after her daughter had recouered her ſpirits, asked how ſhee came to that place, who with all reuerence told her parents what had hapned vnto her. Wherfore the next day after being the 29. of Auguſt

guſt laſt, ſhee who could neither ſtirre, nor ſtand nor goe for the ſpace of 25. yeares, went luſtily vp and downe the houſe without any ſtaffe, and the third day after, walked apace into her mothers garden, without any ſupply and helpe of ſtaffe at all, for which, the Maid, with her Parents, and whole congregation, with as many in the Citie as did know her (for great was the number of them who did frequent her company, after the miraculous recouery of her health) did prayſe, giue thankes, and magnifie Gods great power and goodneſſe, who had looked of his vnſpeakable fauour vpon the low eſtate and grieuous ſickneſſe of this his poore handmaid.

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The true Relation of a ſtrange deformed Monſter, found in the belly of a Cow which was killed in the aforeſaid Towne of *Amerſ-ford*, the firſt day of October laſt. 1619.

IN this preſent yeare of our Lord, 1619. the firſt of October, in the prouince of *Vtrecht* in the aforementioned *Amerſford*, dwelleth a man very wealthy, and of good reputation among his neighbours, named *Iohn Vandael*, by trade a Malt-man, who for his owne prouiſion, cauſed a Cow to be killed, in whoſe intrailes this moſt deformed and fearefull Monſter was found, and the ſame

was laid without the gates of the Citie vpon a dung-hill, to which wonderfull and fearefull ſpectacle the whole Citie, both young and old, rich and poore, came to behold: for it was in ſhape as followeth.

The head was like an Otters head, but rounder: it had the noſe and mouth of a man, but eares like vnto a Dogge, yet the ſhape of the eyes reſembled much a mans: the colour of it was a fleſhy colour, and about the body a ſcarfe of fleſh, the ſhoulders were like vnto a mans to the elbow, and the priuy members not vnlike.

The foreſide was ſuch as hath beene ſpoken, but behinde it had a crooked tayle, out of the mouth alſo did hang a huge long tongue, like vnto a Cow or ſome other beaſt of that kinde. The feet thereof very like vnto a hogges, and the mouth was all growne about with hayre. Moreouer, the knees were like two Pompions, fine and round.

And now becauſe I thought it very fit the world ſhould take notice of this vnna-

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turall and extraordinary worke, I haue ſet here before your eies as perfect a deliniation thereof, as poſſibly vpon ſuch a ſodaine I could. The Lord make vs feruent in weldoing, watching and praying, ſtriuing to go in at the narrow gate, that wee may ſet our affections on things that are aboue, and not on things below: for theſe terrible ſpectacles if there were no other thing, may be ſufficient to driue vs away from the loue of this earthly and tranſitory pilgrimage: and hee giue vs grace to abhorre monſtrous ſinnes, which procure theſe monſtrous ſpectacles, and will bring vpon vs more fearefull iudgments, vnleſſe we repent betimes.

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